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uniformly a diameter of just $\frac{1}{8000}$ of an inch, and being wholly free from viscosity. The Attus is found at this season of the year on rail fences.

Professor Agassiz presented a paper upon the family of the *Cyprinodonts*.

Three hundred and seventieth meeting.

November 2, 1852. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

Professor Felton reminded the Academy of the recent death of the Hon. Daniel Webster, Secretary of State of the United States, and Fellow of this body ; and, after an eloquent tribute to his memory, offered the following resolutions, which, after being seconded by Mr. F. C. Gray, and advocated by Mr. Parsons, were unanimously adopted.

“ *Resolved*, That the Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences deeply lament the decease of their late Associate, the Hon. Daniel Webster, Secretary of State of the United States. By his death the country is bereaved of her ablest practical statesman, and profoundest political philosopher. Letters and eloquence have lost a most distinguished ornament. Science is deprived of a great and versatile mind, which understood its progress, appreciated its value, recognized its dignity, and mastered its results in the midst of professional labors and public cares, to which his energies were devoted almost to the last moment of his life.

“ *Resolved*, That the Fellows of this Academy tender to the family of their late eminent Associate, their most respectful sympathy in this private and public calamity.”

Three hundred and seventy-first meeting.

November 10, 1852. — QUARTERLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary laid before the Academy letters from the Royal Society of London, and the Academies of Göttingen, Berlin, Vienna, and Munich, referring to publications forwarded to the Academy.